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POETRY: *A Magazine of Verse*

BENEDICTION

Let no blasphemer till the sacred earth
Or scatter seed upon it,
Lest fruit should fail
And weed-scars sting its fineness.

Send him here who loves its beauty
And its brownness.

He will plow the earth
As a dancer dances—
Ecstatically.

Let no blasphemer till the sacred earth
Or scatter seed upon it.

Mark Turbyfill